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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, CR

SUBJECT: PROCIB Annual Report

1. The Army and Air Force members of PROCIB have suggested by phone that the Annual Report contain mention of the problem of procuring certain Soviet journals. I have drafted the attached sub-paragraph for consideration. It would require at least telephonic endorsement from the other members.

2. Aside from the merits of this suggestion, the Army and Air Force members are not in a good arguing position. Neither called in advance of the meeting or submitted a memo giving their views. Neither came to the meeting. And neither bothered to return my phone call asking if they approved the draft which was distributed with the Agenda. In fact, neither had found the draft until my second phone call.

3. This item did not appear in the draft Annual Report prepared by Messrs. [REDACTED]. It is not an earth-shaking development, but of course its impact is greater on the military members than on the others. I feel that it would strengthen the Annual Report and help assure that we do not lose sight of Target Number One.

4. If you wish, I will attempt to coordinate this amendment to the Annual Report as approved at the last meeting. And as soon as this point is resolved, I will have it typed and transmitted to USIB.

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Acting Secretary, PROCIB

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PROPOSED ADDITION TO PROCIB ANNUAL REPORT, FY 1960

III. MAJOR PROBLEMS

A. Unavailable Soviet Periodicals. Certain highly technical Soviet periodicals have been completely or nearly unobtainable in post-war years. Several titles that were available last year could not be renewed for 1960 subscriptions. A start has been made towards compiling a "want list" of titles that are of priority interest and that have been unobtainable by normal means. Scattered issues of such titles have been received through a [REDACTED] program.

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